GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NON-PAYMENT OF PADDY PRICES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether payments for the purchase of paddy, rice etc. were not made to farmers within stipulated time frame;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken therein;

(d) whether the manual of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) stipulates that in case of allegations/complaints where the facts cannot be ascertained without making enquiries from non-official persons or those involving examination of non-Government records, books of accounts etc. should be entrusted to CBI;

(e) if so, whether such cases relating to payments to farmers were entrusted to CBI; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c): Payments to farmers for the purchase of foodgrains are generally made within the stipulated time frame.

(d),(e)&(f): The CVC Manual has prescribed detailed procedure regarding investigation of complaints against public servants. In the case of every complaint, a preliminary examination is required to ascertain whether the allegation has any substance or is vague and the complaint gives information definite enough to require a further check. In cases where a departmental enquiry and verification is not possible and the allegation is serious and definitive, Chief Vigilance Officers of Public Undertakings have discretion to refer such cases to the CBI. However, FCI has not received any complaint regarding delay in release of payment for the purchase of paddy from farmers.